

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.,

December 9, 1899

M. C. Paul, Esq.,

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Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

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Deposits of foreign bullion and coin are just what they appear to be, that is, deposits of bullion and coin of foreign origin made at our institutions for coinage into our money.

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